Toxic City : The Stellifying Fabulist

A short graphic novel by Catherine Poitras Auger
"For the first time in the history of the world, every human being is now subject to contact with dangerous chemicals, from the moment of conception until death."

-Rachel Carson, Silent Spring (1962)
“It is easier to demand happiness than to clean up the environment. The acceptance of illusion and appearance as reality is another symptom of this same refusal to examine the realities of our lives. Let us seek ‘joy’ rather than real food and clean air and a saner future on a liveable earth! As if happiness alone can protect us from the results of profit-madness.”
—Andre Lorde,
The Cancer Journals
"Toxic substance regulations are obsolete and do not ensure the protection of the environment or the health of populations.

Specifically, the Canadian Environmental Protection Act does not prevent the circulation of carcinogens, reproductive toxicants and/or endocrine disruptors through consumer products.

—Breast Cancer Action Quebec,
CEPA Declaration
Notes:

Rachel Carson was an American marine biologist and a writer. The quote can be found in chapter three of Silent Spring, a book that led a national movement of opposition to chemical companies.

Audre Lorde was a writer, a civil rights activist, a Black lesbian feminist, a teacher, and a poet. She details her struggle with breast cancer in The Cancer Journals (1980). The quote can be found on page 74.

Breast Cancer Action Quebec’s mission is to educate the public about environmental toxicants and their connections to illnesses such as breast cancer. BCAQ also advocates for stronger government policies regarding those chemicals. To learn more: acsqc.ca